

Finance Department

Memo

To: The Board of Selectmen
From: Rawle Dummett
CC: Kim Allen
Date: June 24, 2021

Re: Bid Award – Bid#21-110 Supply and Install Pump at Evergreen Station

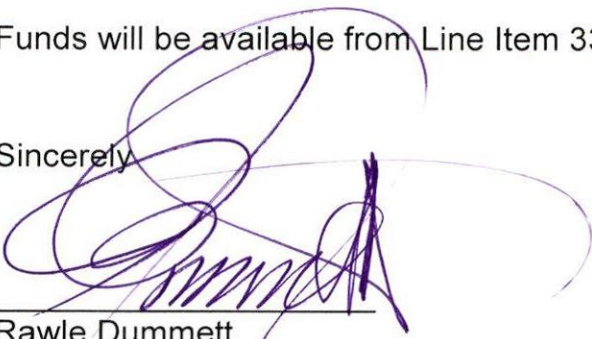
Dear Mr. Brule:

Proposals for the above mentioned bid were opened on June 10, 2021 by Neftali Soto, Director Utility Commission and I with the attached results. After careful review of proposals, it is determined that Kovacs Construction Corp. is the lowest qualified bidder able to complete this project.

I therefore respectfully seek the Board's approval to award the contract Kovacs Construction Corp. in the amount of \$355,800.00.

Funds will be available from Line Item 33121-55871 Evergreen Pump Station.

Sincerely,



Rawle Dummett
Purchasing Agent,
Town of Waterford

FIFTEEN ROPE FERRY ROAD



WATERFORD, CT 06385

June 22, 2021

Mr. Rob Brule, First Selectman
Town of Waterford Town Hall
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

RE: Request to Award Contract to Kovacs Construction for the installation of a 4th pump at the Evergreen PS, and other associated work, and a contract to Wright-Pierce Engineers (WPE) for Contract Administration

Dear Mr. Brule,

Bids were solicited for the work and efforts associated with the installation of a [required] 4th pump at the Evergreen pumping station. Bids were opened on June 10, 2021. Kovacs Construction from Oxford, CT was the lowest responsive bidder with a price of \$355,800.

It is hereby respectfully requested that a contract be awarded to Kovacs Construction for the bid amount of \$355,800 for the installation of the 4th pump and other associated work at the Evergreen PS. It is also requested that a contract for \$14,500 be awarded to Wright-Pierce for the administration of the work to be done, and other requirements associated with this effort.

Funding for this work is already in place under capital LI 33121-55871 – Evergreen Pump Station (\$375,000).

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

Neftali Soto, P.E., Chief Engineer
Utility Commission

Cc: Kim Allen – Director of Finance
Rob Avena, Town Counsel
Rawle Dummett – Purchasing Agent
Utility Commission

Evergreen Pumping Station - Bids Received for 4th pump- June 10- 2021

Item	Description	VENDOR					
		Holzner Constr.	All State Constr.	Delray Contracting	Kovacs Constr.	Deedy Constr.	
1	Install 4th pump complete and operational	\$ 777,300.00	\$ 334,000.00	\$ 352,660.00	\$ 317,400.00	\$ 391,200.00	
2	Owners Integrator Allowance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	
3	Bid Alternate - Retrofit existing Pump #3 VFD cabinet with new VFD	\$ 76,400.00	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 59,660.00	\$ 33,400.00	\$ 35,000.00	
TOTAL		\$ 858,700.00	\$ 371,500.00	\$ 417,320.00	\$ 355,800.00	\$ 431,200.00	

June 16, 2021
W-P Project No. 20569

Mr. Neftali Soto, PE
Chief Engineer
Town of Waterford Utility Commission
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Subject: Proposal of Construction Phase Engineering Services
Evergreen Avenue Pump Station – Installation of Fourth Pump

Dear Tali:

As requested by the Waterford Utility Commission (WUC), this letter presents our proposed scope and budget to provide construction phase engineering services for the installation of a 4th pump at the Evergreen Avenue Pump Station. Based on our understanding of the WUC's needs, and assuming that the WUC will handle day to day inspections, Wright-Pierce proposes to perform the following construction administration phase services:

Construction Administration

1. Prepare for and attend preconstruction conference.
2. Schedule and attend up to 4 project meetings and prepare meeting minutes.
3. Make visits to the site at appropriate intervals to observe the progress of the work and to assist the WUC's Resident Project Representative on an as-needed basis. For budget purposes, it is anticipated that Wright-Pierce will conduct up to six four-hour visits over the duration of the project.
4. Review contractor's construction plan and shop drawing submittals for compliance with the Contract Documents.
5. Respond to Contractor's Request for Information (RFIs).
6. Review Contractors' payment requests and estimate amounts to be paid by the WUC.
7. Negotiate changes in the scope of work, price and/or completion time and prepare change orders which become necessary due to factors discovered during the progress of the work resulting from interpretations and clarifications of the Contract Documents.
8. Issue instructions and other communications from and on behalf of the WUC to the Contractor.
9. Prepare punch lists of uncompleted or unacceptable work.
10. Prepare record drawings.
11. Assist with facility start-up.
12. Assist with any warranty or operational issues during the one-year construction warranty period.
13. Conduct a Substantial Completion inspection and prepare a Certificate of Substantial Completion.

Mr. Neftali Soto, PE

June 16, 2021

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A total of 100 hours are budgeted for the construction administration phase based on an 6-month construction period and is inclusive of both office and field time as well as start-up site visits from the process and electrical design engineers of record.

Proposed Fee

Our proposed not-to-exceed budget to provide construction administration engineering services for the subject project is \$14,500. Should you have any questions or desire additional information, please call.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT-PIERCE

Dennis Dievert Jr., P.E.
Sr. Project Manager

Accepted by Town of Waterford
Robert J. Brule, First Selectman

Neftali Soto

From: Dennis Dievert <dennis.dievert@wright-pierce.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Neftali Soto
Cc: Jim Bartelli; Peter Clark; Ed Machinski; Eric Williams; Amy Windle; Rawle Dummett
Subject: RE: Evergreen PS 4th pump bids

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Great news. Kovacs is an excellent contractor.

I'll get all of this to you by next week.

From: Neftali Soto <nsoto@waterfordct.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Dennis Dievert <dennis.dievert@wright-pierce.com>; Dennis Dievert <dennis.dievert@wright-pierce.com>
Cc: Jim Bartelli <jbartelli@waterfordct.org>; Peter Clark <PClark@waterfordct.org>; Ed Machinski <emachinski@waterfordct.org>; Eric Williams <ewilliams@waterfordct.org>; Amy Windle <AWindle@waterfordct.org>; Rawle Dummett <rdummett@waterfordct.org>
Subject: Evergreen PS 4th pump bids

Dennis,
Please send me a scope of services proposal for the contract admin for the install of 4th pump. Obviously, Mr. Machinski and staff will be the day to day inspectors. This is a prevailing wages and certified payroll project. Any concerns?
Highest - \$858,700 (Holzner)
Lowest - \$355,800 (Kovacs).
Funding (\$375K) is appropriated and ready to go.
Call me if any questions.
Thanks
Tali

Neftali Soto, PE
Chief Engineer/Director - Utility Commission
Town of Waterford
Mail - 15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385
Address - 1000 Hartford Tpke.
Waterford, CT 06385
nsoto@waterfordct.org
860-444-5886
Fax- 860-442-9037

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BID FORM

Evergreen Avenue Sewer Pump Station
Installation of Fourth Pump

BID # 21-110

VENDOR NAME AND ADDRESS

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF VENDOR'S AGENT

Kovacs Construction Corporation
203-743-4022 Fax 203-790-1326 wmcgamy@kococa.com
PHONE AND FACSIMILE NUMBERS, E-MAIL ADDRESS, TAX ID # 0610877199

I Thomas R. Kovacs President of the
Name Position

above named firm hereby submit the following bid in accordance with Town of Waterford
specifications.

SIGNATURE	DATE
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION:	Evergreen Avenue Sewer Pump Station Installation of Fourth Pump
THIS BID IS SUBMITTED TO:	Town of Waterford Connecticut 15 Rope Ferry Road Waterford, Connecticut 06385

1. The undersigned Bidder proposes and agrees, if this Bid is accepted, to enter into a purchase order agreement with the Town of Waterford at the stipulated price indicated in this bid.
2. Bidder accepts all of the terms and conditions of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid. This Bid will remain subject to acceptance for 90 days after the day of Bid opening.
3. BIDDER has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the Bid Documents including any Addenda (acknowledge receipt of any and all Addenda by listing the date and Addenda Number where indicated below), Work, locality, and all local conditions and Laws and Regulations that in any manner may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of the Work.

Addenda
Date
5/20/2021
6/2/2021

Addenda
Number
1
2

4. BIDDER has given ENGINEER written notice of all conflicts, errors or discrepancies that it has discovered in the Bid Documents and the written resolution thereof by ENGINEER is acceptable to BIDDER.
5. BIDDER certifies that the Bid is genuine and not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, organization or corporation; BIDDER has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Bidder to submit a false or sham Bid; BIDDER has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and BIDDER has not sought by collusion to obtain for itself any advantage over any other Bidder or over OWNER.
6. BIDDER understands that the OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
7. Bidder will complete the Work described in the Contract Documents for the following price(s):

BASE BID SCHEDULE

No.	Quantity	Brief Description of Item with Unit Bid Price in Words	Unit Bid In Figures	Amount In Figures
1	1 L.S.	Evergreen Avenue Pump Station Installation of Fourth Pump Complete and Operational The Sum of \$ <u>three hundred seventy</u> <u>thousand four hundred dollars and</u> Per Lump Sum <u>no cents</u>		\$ <u>317,400⁰⁰</u>
2	Allowance	Owners System Integrator Allowance The Sum of \$ <u>five thousand dollars</u>		\$ <u>5,000</u>
Amount in Words				

SUBTOTAL BASE BID: Total of Items 1 through 2 above.

three hundred twenty two thousand
four hundred dollars and no cents
(use words)

Item (\$ 322,400⁰⁰)
(use figures)

BID ALTERNATES

Item No.	Estimated Quantity	Brief Description of Item with Unit Bid Price in Words	Amount In Figures
3	Lump Sum	Bid Alternate A – Retrofit existing Pump #3 VFD Cabinet with new VFD identified as Bid Alternate A on drawings.	

TOTAL BID ALTERNATE A

thirty three thousand
four hundred dollars and no cents
Amount in Words

\$ 33,400⁰⁰

SUBTOTAL (BID ALTERNATES): Total of Item 3 above.

thirty three thousand four
hundred dollars and no cents
(Amount in Words)

(\$ 33,400⁰⁰)
(Amount in Figures)

TOTAL BID: Total of Items 1 through 3 above.

three hundred fifty five thousand
eight hundred dollars and no cents
(Amount in Words)

(\$ 355,800⁰⁰)
(Amount in Figures)

8. Communications concerning this Bid shall be addressed to:

Rawle Dummett, Purchasing Agent

Finance Office, 15 Rope Ferry Road

Waterford, Connecticut 06385

Phone: (860) 444-5842

Fax: (860) 440-0579

rdummett@waterfordct.org

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION SHEETS

(These sheets must be completed and included with Bid)

COMPANY NAME: Kovacs Construction Corporation

ADDRESS: 321 Riggs Street, Oxford, CT 06478

ESTABLISHED: 1/1972
(Month) (Year)

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: (Circle One)

A) Individual

B) Partnership

C) Corporation

D) Joint Venture

E) Other _____

(Specify)

(If Applicable)

FORMER FIRM NAME(S) YEARS IN BUSINESS Effective 1/1/94
Weidner Pump Corporation which was in business for 22 years
Changed name only to Kovacs Construction Corporation

YEARS OF WORK IN A RELATED FIELD: 49 years

(Describe Any Related Work)

millwright, concrete, plumbing, pumps, process
piping

EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES:

Provide a list (attached to this sheet) of equipment and employees anticipated to be utilized for this work.

See attached lists

USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS:

To provide all the services listed in the specifications, would any services be handled by subcontractors? yes Yes/No If "Yes", please explain:

Electrical

Subcontractor Name(s): Electrical Energy Systems Corporation
215 Captain Lewis Drive
Southington, CT 06489

PROJECT MANAGER: Scott Paradis



October 19, 2020

MAJOR EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION

- 1986 JCB Backhoe Loader, Extend-A-Hoe, Yellow
- 1987 International Dump Truck, Green, 5 Yard Capacity
- 1987 Ford Crane Truck, 36,000 GVW, National Crane Truck, 14 ½ Ton Cap. White
- 1988 John Deere DT8 Bulldozer, Yellow
- 1990 Excavator Samsung 200LC
- 1991 Leroi Air Compressor/w Trailer
- 1994 Daewoo Excavator, 71,000 lb., Orange 1 Yard Bucket
- 1994 JCB 217S Loader Backhoe
- 1996 New Holland Skid Steer Loader, ¼ Yard Bucket, Yellow
- 1996 Freightliner Dump Truck
- 1997 Cross Country Trailer, 5 Ton, REP
- 1998 Samsung Excavator, 44,000 lb., Yellow 1 1/8 Yard Bucket
- 1998 JCB Loader/Backhoe 214E
- 2001 New Daewoo G20E Forklift Truck
- 2002 New Holland Skid Steer Loader LS180
- 2003 CAT Excavator Model 314C
- 2003 Terex TX760 Backhoe Loader
- 2003 Terex Loader Front End SKL 873

2004 Terex Mini Excavator HR16
2004 Terex Hydraulic Excavator TXC340LC-1
2005 Terex Mini Excavator HR1.5
2005 Interstate Trailer, 20 Ton, Grey 7,350 lbs. 40DLA
2006 Cam Superline 6 x 18 ft. Trailer
2007 Haulmark Trailer for Welder
2009 CAT 314 DLCR Excavator w/Compactor
2015 Belmont Trailer
2007 Mack CV713 Dump Truck
2006 Mack CV713 Dump Truck
2013 Nilfisk walkbehind/Focus Floor Scrubber
2018 Hyundai R80CR-9A Excavator
2019 Hyundai HL955TM Loader
Hotsy Power Washer, Trailer Mounted
2 Fisher Snowplows
Tandem Vibrating Roller
Mikasa Hydraulic Reversible Compactor



January 7, 2021

COMPANY RESUMES OF KEY PERSONNEL:

- 1) Richard T. Kovacs - CEO - 49 years construction experience in the water and sewer treatment field, 5 years construction experience in the oil refinery field, 13 years - Aircraft Hydraulic Technician.
- 2) Thomas R. Kovacs - President - 43 years construction experience in the water and sewer treatment field. Field operations superintendent, oversees all construction projects Connecticut Certified Millwright Journeyman and certified Crane Operator.
- 3) Wanda L. McGarry - Vice President/Corporate Secretary - 36 years construction experience, Office Manager - University of Connecticut - B.S. Biology, oversees company computer operations, contract scheduling and purchasing requirements.
- 4) Mike A. Hall - Project Superintendent - 38 years construction experience, Connecticut certified Millwright Journeyman, Company Safety Supervisor.
- 5) Mark A. Richards - Project Superintendent - 29 years construction experience, supervises construction of Pump Stations and Water/Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- 6) Brian Coderre - Project Superintendent - 23 years construction experience, supervises construction of Pump Stations and Water/Wastewater Treatment Plants.
- 7) Mike E. Savage - Project Superintendent - 20 years construction experience, supervises construction of Pump Stations and Water/Wastewater Treatment Plants.

COMPLETE AND RETURN

Bid #: 21-110

Bid TITLE: Evergreen Avenue Sewer Pump Station Installation of 4th Pump

NON-CONFLICT AFFIDAVIT OF RESPONDENTS

No Elected or Appointed Official, SBC member or other officer or employee or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part from the Town of Waterford OR any immediate family member thereof, is directly or indirectly interested in the Bid/ Proposal, or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or labor to which it relates, or in any profits thereof.

The undersigned further certifies that this statement is executed for the purpose of inducing the Town of Waterford to consider the statement of qualifications submitted herein.

State of Connecticut S.S.

County of New Haven

Subscribed and sworn before me this 10th day of June, 2021.

Legal Name of Respondent: Thomas R Kovacs - President

Business Name: Kovacs Construction Corporation

Business Address: 321 Riggs Street, Oxford, CT 06478

Matthew H. Priest President
Signature and Title of Person Thomas R Kovacs
Matthew H. Priest
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Date: June 30, 2022

COMPLETE AND RETURN

Bid #: 21-110

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NON-COLLUSIVE BID STATEMENT

The undersigned bidder, having fully informed itself regarding the accuracy of the statements herein, certifies that:

(1) The bid has been arrived at by the bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion with, and without any agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action with, any other vendor or bidder of materials, supplies, equipment, or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or completion, and

(2) The contents of the bid have not been communicated by the bidder or its employees or agents to any person not any employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bonds furnished with the bid and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid.

The undersigned bidder further certifies that this statement is executed for the purposes of inducing the Town of Waterford to consider the bid and make an award in accordance therewith.

Kovacs Construction Corporation
Legal Name of Bidder

321 Riggs Street Oxford, CT
Business Address 06478

Thomas R. Kovacs President
Signature and Title of Person
Authorized to Sign

Thomas R. Kovacs
Printed Name

6/10/2021
Date

Document A310™ - 2010

Conforms with The American Institute of Architects AIA Document 310

Bid Bond

CONTRACTOR:

(Name, legal status and address)

Kovacs Construction Corporation
321 Riggs Street
Oxford, CT 06478

OWNER:

(Name, legal status and address)

Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

SURETY:

(Name, legal status and principal place of business)

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183
Mailing Address for Notices
Travelers Bond, One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183

This document has important legal consequences. Consultation with an attorney is encouraged with respect to its completion or modification.

Any singular reference to Contractor, Surety, Owner or other party shall be considered plural where applicable.

BOND AMOUNT: 5% Five Percent of Amount Bid

PROJECT:

(Name, location or address, and Project number, if any)

Evergreen Avenue Sewer Pump Station Installation of Fourth Pump - Bid No. 21-110

The Contractor and Surety are bound to the Owner in the amount set forth above, for the payment of which the Contractor and Surety bind themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, as provided herein. The conditions of this Bond are such that if the Owner accepts the bid of the Contractor within the time specified in the bid documents, or within such time period as may be agreed to by the Owner and Contractor, and the Contractor either (1) enters into a contract with the Owner in accordance with the terms of such bid, and gives such bond or bonds as may be specified in the bidding or Contract Documents, with a surety admitted in the jurisdiction of the Project and otherwise acceptable to the Owner, for the faithful performance of such Contract and for the prompt payment of labor and material furnished in the prosecution thereof; or (2) pays to the Owner the difference, not to exceed the amount of this Bond, between the amount specified in said bid and such larger amount for which the Owner may in good faith contract with another party to perform the work covered by said bid, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The Surety hereby waives any notice of an agreement between the Owner and Contractor to extend the time in which the Owner may accept the bid. Waiver of notice by the Surety shall not apply to any extension exceeding sixty (60) days in the aggregate beyond the time for acceptance of bids specified in the bid documents, and the Owner and Contractor shall obtain the Surety's consent for an extension beyond sixty (60) days.

If this Bond is issued in connection with a subcontractor's bid to a Contractor, the term Contractor in this Bond shall be deemed to be Subcontractor and the term Owner shall be deemed to be Contractor.

When this Bond has been furnished to comply with a statutory or other legal requirement in the location of the Project, any provision in this Bond conflicting with said statutory or legal requirement shall be deemed deleted herefrom and provisions conforming to such statutory or other legal requirement shall be deemed incorporated herein. When so furnished, the intent is that this Bond shall be construed as a statutory bond and not as a common law bond.

Signed and sealed this 10th day of June, 2021.


(Witness) Wanda L. McCarty
Corporate Secretary


(Witness)

Kovacs Construction Corporation
(Principal) (Seal)

By: 
Title: Thomas R. Kovacs - President

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
(Surety) (Seal)

By: 
Title: Wendy Krystopz, Attorney-in-Fact





Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
Farmington Casualty Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and Farmington Casualty Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint Wendy Krystopa of Glastonbury, CT, their true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law, including the following bond:

Surety Bond No.: Bid Bond
OR

Principal: Kovacs Construction Corporation
Obligee: Town of Waterford

Project Description: Evergreen Avenue Sewer Pump Station Installation of Fourth Pump - Bid No. 21-110

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this 6th day of May, 2019.



State of Connecticut

By: Robert L. Raney
Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

City of Hartford ss.

On this the 6th day of May, 2019, before me personally appeared Robert L. Raney, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the 30th day of June, 2021



Anna P. Nowik
Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, Kevin E. Hughes, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2021.



Kevin E. Hughes
Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.

Please refer to the above-named Attorney-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.