

September 29, 2026

TO: Nancy Anderson, County Administrative Officer, Clerk of the Board

FROM: Grace Imamura, Real Property Agent
General Services – Property Management

SUBJECT: Replacement Surety Bond for Franchise Ordinance F-589/F-600, issued to Rising Tree Wind Farm III LLC by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Bond No. 108075093, to replace Bond No. SUR0032454, issued by Argonaut Insurance Company, in the amount of \$10,000, received and filed Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Attached is Surety Bond No. 108075093 issued by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America in the amount of \$10,000. This bond replaces Surety Bond No. SUR0032454 issued by Argonaut Insurance Company, which cancelled effective May 9, 2026.

Please receive and file attached Bond No. 108075093, which satisfies the requirement for a surety instrument per Section 18 of Franchise Ordinance F-589/F-600.

Please also release cancelled Surety Bond No. SUR0032454 and return it to my attention. Copies of the minutes and bond documents are attached for reference.

F-589/F-600
Attachment

FRANCHISE BOND**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:**

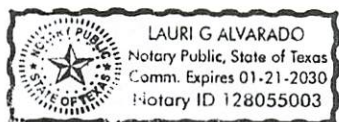
Rising Tree Wind Farm III LLC, as principal, and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America (*surety company*), as surety, incorporated under the laws of the state of Connecticut, and duly authorized to transact the business of surety in the state of California, are held and firmly bound unto the County of Kern, State of California, as obligee, in the penal sum of **TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** lawful money of the United States of America, for the payment of which well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern granted Franchise Ordinance F-589 to Rising Tree Wind Farm LLC for a 35-year non-exclusive franchise at a regular meeting held on November 4, 2014. Subsequently, on March 17, 2015, Franchise Ordinance F-600 and Resolution 2015-066 were adopted, amending Franchise Ordinance F-589 and consenting to the partial assignment of the Franchise to Rising Tree Wind Farm II LLC and Rising Tree Wind Farm III LLC. Franchise Ordinance F-589/F-600 is set to expire on December 4, 2049.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH that if Rising Tree Wind Farm III LLC shall well and truly observe, fulfill and perform each and every term and condition of the Franchise, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect. In the case of any breach of condition of this bond, the whole amount of the penal sum herein named shall be taken and deemed to be liquidated damages and shall be recoverable from the principal and surety herein.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that this bond shall automatically continue in effect from year to year, except that the surety named herein may cancel this bond and be relieved from any further liability hereunder by giving sixty (60) days' notice in writing of such cancellation, said notice to be mailed to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern. The sixty (60) day period shall not commence to run until the Clerk of said Board has received said notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Rising Tree Wind Farm III LLC and Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America have hereunto caused their names to be subscribed and their seals affixed by their respective officers' thereunto, duly authorized, this 10th day of April, 2026.



Lauri G. Alvarado

Rising Tree Wind Farm III LLC

By *Sandhya Ganapathy*
Sandhya Ganapathy

Title Chief Executive Officer
(Franchise Principal)
Rising Tree Wind Farm III LLC

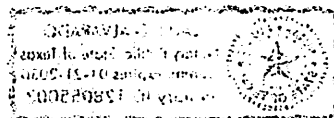
By *Al Gonzalez*

Title Al Gonzalez, Attorney-In-Fact
(Surety)

Signatures Must Be Witnessed by a Notary Public



Sandra Gansbally
Chief Executive Officer



State of Texas }
County of Harris } ss:

On April 10, 2026, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared

Al Gonzalez

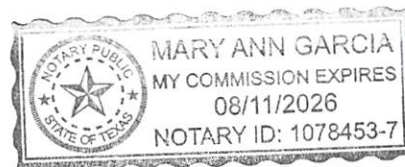
known to me to be Attorney-in-Fact of Travlers Casualty and Surety Company of America
the corporation described in and that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and known to me to be the person who executed the said instrument in behalf of the said corporation, and he duly acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year stated in this certificate above.

My Commission Expires August 11, 2026


Mary Ann Garcia

Notary Public





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

POWER OF ATTORNEY

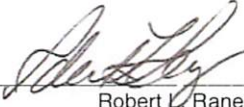
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint AL Gonzalez of Houston, Texas, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April**, 2021.



State of Connecticut

City of Hartford ss.

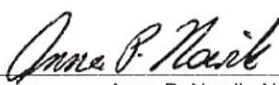
By: 
Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the **21st** day of **April**, 2021, 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**, 2026





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 April, 2026.





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(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.

