



NEVADA ELECTRIC COMPANY - NEVADA

March 18, 1998

Daron Haddock
Permit Supervisor
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
Box 145801
Salt Lake City UT 84114-5801

Re: Wellington Preparation Plant, ACT/007/012 - Reclamation Bond

True copy file
Copy from Paul

Copy #5

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Your letter of February 18, 1998 to EARTHCO authorized Nevada Electric Investment Company (NEICO) to reduce the bond for the Wellington project to \$4,904,000. The attached surety rider reflects the authorized adjustment.

If you have questions, you may contact me at (702) 367-5675.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Schwehr

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DJS:lg
Attachment

cc: Rick Collins
Steve Traweek



SURETY RIDER

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
FIRST NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE: SAFECO PLAZA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98185

To be attached to and form a part of

Bond No. 5612986

Type of Bond: RECLAMATION BOND

dated effective 10/01/1989
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

executed by NEVADA ELECTRIC INVESTMENT COMPANY, as Principal,
(PRINCIPAL)

and by SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, as Surety.

in favor of STATE OF UTAH/DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/ DIV. OF OIL & GAS.
(OBLIGEE)

in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained the Principal and the Surety hereby consent to changing
THE AMOUNT OF BOND LIABILITY:
FROM \$6,036,000
TO \$4,904,000

Nothing herein contained shall vary, alter or extend any provision or condition of this bond except as herein expressly stated.

This rider is effective 02/18/1998
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

Signed and Sealed March 2, 1998
(MONTH-DAY-YEAR)

NEVADA ELECTRIC INVESTMENT COMPANY

(PRINCIPAL)

By: Richard L. Hindley
(PRINCIPAL)

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: Georgia L. Nelson
(ATTORNEY-IN-FACT) Georgia L. Nelson



POWER OF ATTORNEY

SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
HOME OFFICE: SAFECO PLAZA
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98185

No. 9318

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, each a Washington corporation, does each hereby appoint

***** GEORGIA L. NELSON *****

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full authority to execute on its behalf fidelity and surety bonds or undertakings and other documents of a similar character issued in the course of its business, and to bind the respective company thereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA have each executed and attested these presents

this 4th day of January, 19 93

CERTIFICATE

Extract from the By-Laws of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA:

"Article V, Section 13. - FIDELITY AND SURETY BONDS . . . the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, and any Assistant Vice President appointed for that purpose by the officer in charge of surety operations, shall each have authority to appoint individuals as attorneys-in-fact or under other appropriate titles with authority to execute on behalf of the company fidelity and surety bonds and other documents of similar character issued by the company in the course of its business . . . On any instrument making or evidencing such appointment, the signatures may be affixed by facsimile. On any instrument conferring such authority or on any bond or undertaking of the company, the seal, or a facsimile thereof, may be impressed or affixed or in any other manner reproduced; provided, however, that the seal shall not be necessary to the validity of any such instrument or undertaking."

Extract from a Resolution of the Board of Directors of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA adopted July 28, 1970.

"On any certificate executed by the Secretary or an assistant secretary of the Company setting out,

- (i) The provisions of Article V, Section 13 of the By-Laws, and
(ii) A copy of the power-of-attorney appointment, executed pursuant thereto, and
(iii) Certifying that said power-of-attorney appointment is in full force and effect,

the signature of the certifying officer may be by facsimile, and the seal of the Company may be a facsimile thereof."

L. R. A. Pierson, Secretary of SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA and of GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, do hereby certify that the foregoing extracts of the By-Laws and of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of these corporations, and of a Power of Attorney issued pursuant thereto, are true and correct, and that both the By-Laws, the Resolution and the Power of Attorney are still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the facsimile seal of said corporation

this 2nd day of March, 19 98

AFFIDAVIT OF QUALIFICATION
PERMITTEE
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I, RICHARD L. HINCKLEY being first duly sworn under oath, deposes and says that he/she is the VICE PRESIDENT of NEVADA ELECTRIC INVESTMENT CO., the PERMITTEE; and that he is duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing obligations; and that said PERMITTEE is authorized to execute the same and has complied in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings and obligations herein.

Richard L. Hinckley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1998

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

April 29, 2000

Attest:

STATE OF Nevada)

COUNTY OF Clark) ss:

