

EXHIBIT A

Bond No. 9324772

License and/or Permit Continuous Bond

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we,

Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC and Crowned Ridge Wind II Transmission Line

as Principal, and Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, with principal office in 1299 Zurich Way, 5th Floor, Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056

as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Grant County, SD; Codington County, SD; Deuel County, SD; Waverly Township, Troy Township, Kranzburg Township, Goodwin Township, Havana Township, Rome Township

as Oblige, in the penal sum of Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 (\$500,000.00) Dollars, lawful money of the United States, for which payment, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly, by these presents.

WHEREAS, the above bounden Principal has obtained or is about to obtain from the said Oblige a license or permit for Road Use, Repair and Improvements in Grant County, Codington County and Deuel County, South Dakota; and the term of said license or permit is continuous, beginning the 1st day of August, 2019.

WHEREAS, the Principal is required by law to file with Grant County, SD; Codington County, SD; Deuel County, SD; Waverly Township, Troy Township, Kranzburg Township, Goodwin Township, Havana Township, Rome Township, a bond for the above indicated term and conditioned as hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That if the above bounden Principal as such licensee or permittee shall indemnify said Oblige against all loss, costs, expenses or damage to it caused by said Principal's non-compliance with or breach of any laws, statutes, ordinances, rules or regulations pertaining to such license or permit issued to the Principal, which said breach or non-compliance shall occur during the term of this bond, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, that if this bond is for a fixed term, it may be continued by Certificate executed by the Surety hereon; and

PROVIDED FURTHER, that regardless of the number of years this bond shall continue or be continued in force and of the number of premiums that shall be payable or paid the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for a larger amount, in the aggregate, than the amount of this bond, and

PROVIDED FURTHER, that if this is a continuous bond and the Surety shall so elect, this bond may be cancelled by the Surety as to subsequent liability by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to said Oblige.

Signed, sealed and dated the 31st day of July, 2019

Crowned Ridge Wind II, LLC and Crowned Ridge Wind II Transmission Line

Principal

By [Signature]

Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland

By [Signature]

Wayne G. McVaugh

Attorney-in-Fact

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**ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND
POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Illinois, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Illinois (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by Robert D. Murray, Vice President, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Wayne G. MCVAUGH, Elizabeth MARRERO, Patricia A. RAMBO, Sara OWENS, Kimberly G. SHERROD, Joanne C. WAGNER, Vicki JOHNSTON, Cathy H. HO, George GIONIS, Lori SHELTON, Jaquanda MARTIN and Kaitlyn MALKOWSKI all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, EACH, its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: any and all bonds and undertakings, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.

The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, this 15th day of May, A.D. 2019.



ATTEST:
ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND

By: Robert D. Murray
Vice President

By: Dawn E. Brown
Secretary

State of Maryland
County of Baltimore

On this 15th day of May, A.D. 2019, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, Robert D. Murray, Vice President and Dawn E. Brown, Secretary of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, depose and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.



Constance A. Dunn, Notary Public
My Commission Expires: July 9, 2019

EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES

"Article V, Section 8, Attorneys-in-Fact. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify or revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies, this 31st day of July, 2019.



Brian M. Hodges, Vice President

TO REPORT A CLAIM WITH REGARD TO A SURETY BOND, PLEASE SUBMIT A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE CLAIM INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL ON THE BOND, THE BOND NUMBER, AND YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO:

Zurich Surety Claims
1299 Zurich Way
Schaumburg, IL 60196-1056
www.reportsfclaims@zurichna.com
800-626-4577